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WHAT WE SAW:

"We heard a whirring and chains rattling. This big truck thing, like a huge Tonka toy, came out of the trees and something flashed, as if we'd been photographed"

— CAROLE SLOGGETT



STRANGE BUT TRUE: Isabella Sloggett with her daughter,

Carole, at the site in Bonnybridge where they claim

to have seen a UFO.

**CENTRAL SCOTLAND IN
GRIP OF U.F.O. WAVE.**

Front cover photograph, Isabella and Carole Sloggett, Falkirk Herald.

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The purpose of STRANGE PHENOMENA INVESTIGATIONS as an organisation, is defined clearly by its title, to Investigate strange phenomena in its many categories. Such categories include reported hauntings ie, apparitions, poltergeist events, UFO sightings, and various forms of psychic events. SPI was formed in 1979. Involvement in SPI is more than academic beyond the appeal of the subject as a study. We are drawn to it because we share the mutual opinion that the subject demands Investigation and a definite awareness on as wide a scale as possible, and which will help to establish a firmer foundation that, "There are such things".

The aims of SPI, are to collect, research, and publish, accounts relating to most aspects of strange phenomena, and to inform the general public that there is indeed a case to be answered. SPI do not hold or express any strict viewpoint as to the nature of the events of which we research, we keep an open mind, and hope that by continued research we may come up with some answers to account for what at present eludes us.



Your Editor has been extremely busy of late in researching a wave of UFO sightings over the Bonnybridge and Denny areas in Central Scotland, (see elsewhere in ENIGMAS). Prior to the onset of these sightings, I had been complaining that UFOs were on the wane in Scotland, boy was I in for a shock, I've hardly sat down for a minute. In all my days as a UFOlogist I've never been so busy. Needless to say, I've also had my share of press, radio and Scottish Television to contend with. As a matter of interest, I researched a flap of UFO reports in the same locality back in 1982 which eventually waned and died out altogether, now, "there" back ! But why this area, what's so special ? My thoughts and more points regarding this are raised elsewhere in this issue.

If things continue like this, Bonnybridge could well turn out to be another Warminster. Let us not forget dear readers, although there is this big UFO wave occurring in Scotland right now, SPI are not jumping to any alien conclusions, as the press sometimes tend to do. UFOs do not imply aliens, a point I strongly stressed at the recent public meeting held in Bonnybridge regarding these sightings.

Could these sightings be the result of the military testing a new 'secret' aircraft, the Aurora ? Readers may already be aware of the spate of UFO sightings which occurred up at Machrihanish in Argyll which we later learned was actually the result of test flights of the Aurora aircraft. Anyway, the Bonnybridge sightings are, at the time of this writing, still occurring, (February 93) and you can bet your boots that there are more to come regarding this story, so stay tuned folks.

Why can't the Yanks get it right ! I'm beginning to doubt the honesty of 'some' American T.V. producers, why ? Well as mentioned in our last ENIGMAS, SPI were featured on a U.S. T.V. show entitled "SIGHTINGS" of which attracts 50 million viewers coast to coast wow ! And you know what, they got their facts wrong and elaborated somewhat. SIGHTINGS came to Scotland to film SPI and psychical researcher Tony Cornell at Stirling Castle in regards to a spirit rescue. I recently saw a copy of the programme which was kindly sent to Scotland from the producer of the show, and instead of stating Stirling Castle, they stated using headings on screen, Stirling Castle, they go on to say that Stirling Castle is the most haunted place in the world. What rubbish, it most certainly is not.

Yes it's haunted, yes ghosts are seen there, but it's not the worlds most haunted location. Other faults I found were that SIGHTINGS stated that one of our SPI psychics, Marie Tognin, was 'World Renowned', implying that she was well known and travels the world displaying her psychic talents. No disrespect to Marie, she is a

lovely lady and a good psychic, but she isn't world renowned, a fact she herself would be first to point out. Another irritating point was that SIGHTINGS filmed SPI at the Tolbooth, a haunted building about a half a mile from the castle, but on the show, it gave the impression that we were at Stirling Castle. The Tolbooth is not part of Stirling Castle ! In addition, the dramatic music and the dry ice which they used to full effect as they flooded a graveyard in Stirling, was OTT, (over the top), but then I guess you have to sell your programme, 'make it look good'. That said, I think overall, SIGHTINGS presented a fair representation of what we tried to do that day, which was for our mediums to tune into spirit and basically try and get them to move on and away from their 'earth-bound' conditions, which was successful, but then you'd have to see the show wouldn't you !

But as I say, why did they not get their facts right on these minor issues ? any American viewer who watched the programme, will now be misled into thinking that what was said during the show, was factual. Please SIGHTINGS get it right or don't bother. ENIGMAS is in the fortunate position of having plenty of interesting articles to fill its pages, from ghosts to UFOs, to lake monsters, to earth mysteries. As Scotland's leading Journal in regards to the strange world of the paranormal, we aim to inform our readers, of not only our own research work, which is primarily our main aim, but also to inform our readers of the sterling work being carried out from other individuals from other parts of the world, hence in this issue we see an article from U.S. cattle mutilation expert, Linda Moulton Howe. 'are these cattle mutilations related to UFOs and their occupants'?

ENIGMAS aim to bring you the top names in paranormal research, whereby you can read what's current, and keep in step with the mysterious world of strange phenomena. If you are a new reader to this Journal, we hope that we can broaden your horizons and let you experience some of the fascinating aspects of the paranormal, which mankind we are pleased to see, is challenging more and more to the best of his ability. Let us not forget however that this is "Your Journal" and to this end we rely on your views, your opinions, your contributions, your praise, your criticism. SPI are always on the look out for Regional Investigators, so if you feel you could do a job for SPI in your locality, then do let me know. Likewise, assistance in transcribing audio taped interviews would also be of help. At the end of the day, your involvement with the subject, be it of assisting, or just simply reading ENIGMAS Journal, is, as I've already said, assisting you to realise that here in 1993 we still do not know or hold the answers to the many mysteries which at present still elude us. We have to grasp the nettle, take up the challenge, the time will surely come, when what we are researching now, will be second nature to the people of the future. Our thirst for knowledge should never dry up, I look forward to continuing this challenge with SPI.

'Foo Fighters' of W.W. II.

(Editor's note. My thanks to Editor Duncan Roads of Australia's NEXUS magazine for permission to reprint the following article).

During World War II, the accumulation of sightings of mysterious celestial objects finally started to worry the military authorities. In both camps high ranking officials of the intelligence services started to study these strange objects and investigation committees composed of military and scientific personnel were set up in various countries. They had a double purpose, first of all to determine the nature of these flying objects, and then to see if they constituted a threat to the security of the nation.

During World War II the allies, just like the Germans, noticed the presence of these enigmatic flying objects above their secret bases. The first reaction of each side was obviously to suspect espionage on the part of their enemy. In 1943, the English were the first to set up a special group to enquire into the question of these objects. They set up a small organisation to collect evidence. This was headed by Lieutenant General Massey and was inspired by reports from a spy who in fact, was a double agent operating under the orders of the mayor of Cologne. He had confirmed that the "Foo Fighters" were not German devices, but that the Germans thought that they were Allied weapons which of course, the British knew was not so. Later in 1966, it was learned from the British Aviation Minister that project Massey had been officially classified in 1944. Perhaps it was pure coincidence, but the double agent was denounced and executed at the beginning of that year.

For their part, the Germans did not remain inactive. In 1944 the Wehrmacht asked Oberkommando of the "Luftwaffe Aviation" to set up a centre to collect information on all the various sightings of these mysterious celestial objects. This was known as the Sonderburo No 13, which until the time of the German defeat, scrupulously applied itself to its job. The short time that this commission was in existence, prevented it from coming to any definite conclusions, but it collected an impressive amount of information. The first sighting studied by the Sonderburo, went back two years and came from a Hauptmann Fischer, an engineer in civil life, on March 14th, 1942, at 5. 35pm, Fischer landed at the secret air base at Banak Norway.

At that instant the radar picked up a luminous object and Fischer was asked to go up and identify it. At about 10,000 feet, the pilot caught sight of the object and gave a description by radio to the base; an enormous streamlined craft about 300 feet long, and about 50 feet in diameter. The aerial whale, which was Fischer's title for it, stayed horizontal for a long moment before rising vertically and disappearing at great speed. It was not a machine constructed by the hand of man, Fischer stated in his report. On reading the report, Air Marshall Hermann Goering concluded that the solitude of the north does not seem to have done much for this pilot.

The report of another interesting incident was carefully preserved in the archives of the German Investigation Committee; that of the launching of an experimental rocket on February 12th 1944, at the Kummersdorf test centre. On that day, the Minister of propaganda Joseph Goebbels, S.S. Reichsführer Himmler and S. Gruppenführer Heinz Kammler, were present at the launching which was being filmed. Some days later, the authorities at the base organised a showing of the film. The astonished spectators could see very clearly, a spherical body which followed the rocket and circled around it.

The authorities immediately suspected Allied espionage. However, an agent informed Himmler that the English were themselves, victims of the same sort of phenomenon, and thought that it was a new type of German prototype craft. However, the most convincing evidence filed away by the Sonderburo came from a military flying ace.

On September 29th, 1944 at 10.45 am, a test pilot was trying out a new Messerschmitt jet ME 262 Schwalbe, when his attention was suddenly caught by two luminous points situated on his right. He shot at full speed in that direction, and found himself face to face with a cylindrical object more than 300 feet long, with some openings along its side, and fitted with long antennae placed in front up to about halfway along its length. Having approached within about 1,500 feet of the craft, the pilot was amazed to see that it was moving at a speed of more than 1,200 m.p.h.

"INTELLIGENCE BEHIND THE UNIVERSE"

BY R.D. PEARSON BSc.

A BOOK REVIEW BY MICHAEL ROLL.

For over one hundred years we have had the experimental proof that in some way we survive the death of our physical bodies. These were repeatable experiments under laboratory conditions where people who once lived on Earth came back and showed that they were still very much alive. These phenomena were witnessed by International scientific teams under the leadership of eminent professors and doctors of science, Sir William Crookes, OM, FRS, (United Kingdom). Professor Charles Richet the 1913 Nobel Laureate for medicine, (France). Dr Baron Von Schrenck Notzing MD (Germany), and Dr Glen Hamilton MD (Canada). Ever since these revolutionary experiments, scientists have been beavering away to find the mathematical equations that will give a rational explanation to account for what appeared to be

Australia's Strange Phenomena.

(Editor's note. ENIGMAS is pleased to inform its readers that we have secured the writings of Australia's leading paranormal Investigator Rex Gilroy. Here Rex gives us a taste of what's to come.)

I am a regular writer here in Australia on the "unexplained", having spent over 30 years researching all manner of unusual things. I am in fact the 'father' you might say, of Australia's Unexplained phenomena research, having been the first to write about such things on a regular basis here. I am certainly recognised here as the foremost authority on the Yowie, (I began researching it while still at high school in 1957, and I am now 48 and still going strong!) It has however, taken me many years to get the Australian media to take these creatures seriously, and only over the last few years have I finally been able to get intelligent radio and TV interviews on my investigations. Anyhow, I would be delighted to become a regular writer for your Journal and can supply photos as well with each article. I am certain my articles will give your readers plenty of new information to think about.

To give you an idea of some of the topics that I will write for ENIGMAS, here are a few subjects: Australian Sea Monsters, including our very own "Nessie", the "Hawkesbury River Monster", (a plesiosaur type creature), the Yowie, former ice age giant stone tool making hominids having lived here before the aborigines. The Australian mainland sightings of the 'extinct' Tasmanian Tiger, Australian Panther, and other mysterious creatures, and what about the 'Neodinasours' of New Guinea? (I have many surprises for you).

And then there are the 'extinct' Moa bird sightings, Taniwah (sea monster) and Moenau monster sightings of New Zealand. And then there are my researches into 'lost civilisations' of the Australia Pacific area, evidence of ancient Egyptian Phoenician, Libyan, Arabic, Celtic, Scandanavian, Chinese, and other voyages to, and exploration of Australia, centuries before our 'official' discovery by Captain James Cook (1770). Australia's history is far older than the version for too long preached in our university text books and educational establishments.

I also write about Australian UFO reports, ancient astronaut evidence lost cave systems in the Australian region, (which could be the largest cave systems in the world!). Another mystery that has captured my attention for many years, is the Australian megalithic civilisation. This is scattered across the continent, and consists of often large stone circles, stone alignments, standing stones, alter stones, even carved stone heads, the work of people who occupied this continent centuries before known European settlement. So I am certain you will be interested in publishing the above as all your readers will be in reading it.

At present, I am writing an extensively researched book about the Yowie mystery, which will include all the latest archaeological evidence for stone age occupation of Australia, as well as other evidence of another former giant hominid race here, their massive stone tools and fossil footprints. While reports of sightings of the Yeti and Bigfoot are always interesting to me, they are never as fascinating as those of Australia's Yowie (or great hairy man), a secretive race of man apes that have for too long been largely overlooked by the world's media. I would dearly love to be able to get it across to overseas reporters, like I am able to do here.

Australia's "Bigfoot" is to me, a breath of fresh air, a change from all the information one continually receives on the American/Himalayan manbeasts (and womanbeasts!) The Australian reports are often as fascinating as the American stories one reads in books, if not more so in many cases. If anything, my information from Australia I feel, is exciting, because it is hardly at all known overseas. I have a lot more surprises for you which I will be delighted to publish in ENIGMAS. My interest in all these things was fueled by my father when I was quite young, he told me of the old castle ruins Loch Ness Monster sightings, etc that he learnt of while a little boy in Ayrshire Scotland, prior to his family emigrating to Australia in 1914. His mother's side of the family were related to Robert Burns, so you can expect that I am interested in things Scottish.

(Editor's note. In our next issue, we will be looking at the man ape sightings of Australia, commonly known as "Yowies")

1992 Animal Mutilation Update By Linda Moulton Howe.



(Editor's note. I would like to thank Linda Moulton Howe for giving me permission to reprint the following article. Linda has promised SPI to keep us aware of this alarming problem which is still ongoing in the United States).

In the cold winter nights of December 1991 to January 1992, something was haunting Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri, leaving dead and mutilated cattle in its wake. One couple, driving down a country lane after dark, saw two bright objects moving low in the sky. "As one got over the road above us, it blinked out" said Mike Markum of Cement Oklahoma. Markum and his wife report that they have seen several "sparkler like balls" going over their house at low altitudes.

By the end of January, five Oklahoma Counties, had about 30 reports of mysteriously killed and mutilated animals. Even though the socially acceptable explanations in those counties are either Satanic cults or predators. Sheriff Archie Yearick of Grant County told me that he was puzzled "because there aren't ant tracks around any of these carcasses". That same comment has been made by law enforcement and ranchers since the animal mutilation mystery began in September 1967, when a horse named lady was found in the San Luis Valley of Colorado stripped of flesh from the neck up. Lady's hoof tracks stopped 100 feet from where her body was found. Residents had seen odd lights and 'small jets' moving low and rapidly over the desert. Worldwide news articles quoted speculations that UFOs and the mare's death were connected.

When I began research for my documentary "A Strange Harvest" in 1979 I did not set out to do a film about an alien life form connection.

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but that's what I found in several eyewitness accounts of orange, silent, glowing objects the size of football fields hovering "above pastures" where mutilated animals were later found. Or beams of light observed shining down from 'silent helicopters' that lighted pastures 'brighter than daylight,' and the next day mutilated animals were found. And eyewitness reports of strange craft and/or nonhuman creatures involved with animals.

In 1983, a Missouri couple watching through binoculars as two small beings in tight fitting silver suits, "floated a paralyzed black cow into a craft" The alien heads were large and white coloured. Nearby, a tall green skinned "lizard man", stood glaring with eyes slit by vertical pupils like a crocodile's. In 1980, a Waco, Texas rancher watched one evening as two four foot tall creatures with large slanted black eyes carried a calf between them. He was terrified and ran away. Three days later he had the courage to go back to the scene with his wife and son. There they found the mutilated calf's body. The hide was completely intact and included the hooves, and the skull bone, but no other skeletal structure or muscles or internal organs. The hide was turned inside out, and folded neatly on the ground next to the backbone, from which all the ribs had been removed. That rancher asked me, "Who would do this, and what are they trying to tell us" ?

Since I began research into the animal mystery in 1979, no year has passed without mutilation reports, and 1992 was no exception. On January 25th 1992 near Okemah Oklahoma, a cow was found dead. The udder had been cut bloodlessly from the animal, the right chest was slit, and an Okfuskee County Sheriff Deputy assumed the heart had been removed. But no veterinarian was asked to do a necropsy. Without any hard evidence, the deputy's report simply said, "motive Satanic Ritual" But even he was surprised about how precisely the

cuts had been made without any blood residue. On Saturday February 2nd 1992, MUFON Oklahoma Investigator Chuck Pine travelled to Garfield, Kingfisher and Grant County Sheriff's offices to help me get more details about the January mutilations. Grant County Sheriff Archie Yearick said that that morning he had received a call from the police in Caldwell Kansas about a fresh steer mutilation there. So Chuck proceeded north over the border and travelled with a police officer to the mutilation site. Chuck retrieved tissue samples from the mutilator's cuts, as well as unaffected tissue for contrast, preserved them in formalin solution and sent them Federal Express to Dr. John Altshuler, pathologist and hematologist in Denver Colorado.



Mutilated calf found in Middleton Idaho on October 28th 1975.

Dr. Altshuler and I have been working together since 1989 in an effort to gather as many animal mutilation tissue samples as possible for microscope examination. So far, the microscope has shown that tissue from animals, (including rabbits, deer, horses, and cattle) have been cut with high heat in the hundreds of degrees, as evidenced in the cooked hemoglobin and other cell changes. In one 1990 Oregon case, the tissue was serrated as if cut by pinking shears. Both Dr. Altshuler and the Oregon state Diagnostic Laboratory confirmed high heat had been used at the excision lines. The following Tuesday II 1992, there were two more reports of cattle mutilations at Calumet Oklahoma, 10 miles west of El Reno. The first was found by Robert Jacobs and his son. Half of the steer's tongue was removed, a bloodless oval incision had removed the genitals, and the rectum was cored out. No blood, no tracks. !

That evening, Travis (son of Robert Jacobs), took his girlfriend back to the field to show her what had happened. It was about 8. 15pm when they saw a light above our field. It was about 10 times brighter than a star. As we drove closer, we began to see different coloured lights on the edge. They were red, yellow, and blue and white. They flashed at random, not sequentially. When they got to within three quarters of a mile from the object, Julie the girlfriend, became frightened, and they returned to town. The object rose higher in the sky and followed them. "We were doing about 80, and by the time we reached town, it had gone past us".

After dropping Julie off at her house, Travis picked up his father and went back to the field where they saw the light again over the pasture. Robert Jacobs said he could clearly see the different coloured lights flashing on the object. They tried to approach it in the pick up, but the light moved away and disappeared. The following Monday afternoon, another steer, a hereford, was found dead and mutilated in the same Jacob's pasture. Like the February 6th Brahma

steer, the front half of the tounge had been removed, the left ear had been removed as if with high heat. A neat excision had removed the genitals, and the rectum was cored out. On March 3rd back in Okemah Oklahoma after midnight, three men saw a grey diamond shaped object with "windows" land and then take off. They estimated the diameter to be over 30 feet. A week later on March 9th, a cow was found with its udder cleanly and bloodlessly excised from the belly. There was also a large hole on the cow's left side. "Like a bullet hole", some said. But there was no exit hole, and no bullet. There was also blood on the ground near the cow's head which is not typical.

The next day on March the 4th, Benton County Sheriff Deputy Danny Varner went to meet Bill Cowger at Tyson's Hog Farms near Hiwassee Arkansas. An eight year old cow was lying on her right side. Her left eye was missing, the tounge had been removed, and a large piece of hide measuring 20 by 30 inches had been removed between the cow's back legs, taking the udder with it. The cut was only hide deep. The muscle tissue underneath was untouched. Sgt Varner wrote in his Investigation report,

"I found the cow's tounge had been removed by someone using a very sharp instrument. The tounge was cut diagonally from side to side, approximately six to eight inches from the cow's front teeth. The cow's left eye had been removed. The cow's udder and hide were removed by a very sharp instrument, no damage was done to the stomach wall, and the cuts looked to be that of a surgeon. The cow's vaginal area looked to be enlarged and pulled outwards. The ground surrounding the cow had no indications, (she) had struggled and I was unable to find any footprints around the cow. A small amount of blood was found on and around the cow."

February to March 1992, also included reports of two mutilated cows in Webster County, Missouri east of Springfield. At the same time, people were seeing strange lights in the sky over Northview. The Highway Patrol said so many people were parking along the I-44 Northview exit to look for UFOs, that it was a safety hazard. Tissue from nine of the mutilations was sent to Dr. Altshuler who found evidence of high heat at the excision lines and a hardened "plasticized" edge which is not consistent with typical lasers. Even a portable laser is the size of a large freezer, and requires a large electrical generator.

"If you could afford one, why would you lug it out to a field in the middle of the night where a farmer might take a shot at you for messing with his cows? Why not just buy your own cow?" Duanne Bedell asked. He is Co-State Section Director of the MUFON chapter in Webster County. "And how are the cows killed without a struggle no tracks and no blood"? One farmer, Joe Bouldin, said his cow's throat was slit, the esophagus was removed, and the teats were sliced off the udder. "But there were no marks on the ground anywhere, it's real mysterious", Bouldin said. A necropsy revealed most of the blood had been drained from the cow, but the ground was

dry. "How do you drain a cow of blood without spilling any?" Bouldin asked. "I've never carried a gun before in my life", Bouldin added, "but now we are carrying a loaded gun in our truck. That's about how I feel about all this". Another troubled farmer was Edwina Ragsdale. She said, "It's just like the cows were embalmed. We went out there last week (february 1992) and there was a faint smell of decay, but they should have been deteriorated by now". When asked what she thought was responsible, she said, "UFOs or cults, they both scare me to death".

(Editor's note. Part two of this fascinating article will be concluded in our next issue.)

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S.P.I. CASE RESEARCH WORK.



SUBJECT. ALLEGED HAUNTING IN SAUCHIE CENTRAL SCOTLAND.

DATE OF INVESTIGATION. FROM FEBRUARY THE 8th, TO MARCH 1987.

(PART TWO).

(Editor's note. We learned from our last issue, of the ghostly manifestations occurring in a block of 3 houses together, and the subsequent involvement of SPI to try and ascertain what was going on. We left part one with the involvement of the Alloa Christian Spiritualist Church, this is what transpired next).

Having convinced the Alloa Christian Spiritualist Church of the seriousness of this case, SPI visited, along with some Church members, the house in question on the 16th of February, in an attempt to rid the houses of these strange occurrences. The following details, are extracts from my notes taken during this visit. After introductions to the three families involved, we separated into groups, some downstairs, (living room), and some upstairs, (Michelle's room) in which prayers were said in both rooms by the mediums of the Church. John Allardice, a local medium, related that he felt extreme heaviness in his head, and also heat throughout his body. Audio recordings were taken by SPI of this prayer session. Mr Allardice then perceived a voice come through asking for love, followed by a further two people who claimed

that they didn't want to be 'sent away'! I was at this time, upstairs in Michelle's room in which Emily Manini (local medium) was saying prayers. I remember that the whole room was bitterly cold, this might not have anything to do with spirits I told myself for it was February after all, but I do recall that my teeth were chattering quite loudly, and, 'embarrassingly'. Anyway, after Emily had finished saying her prayer, the silence in the bedroom was broken by the sound of a lady bounding up the stairs shouting at the top of her voice that Carol had been pushed off a wooden bench in the living room when no one was near her. Eleanor Power, who had been in Michelle's bedroom with me, said that moments before this lady came bounding up the stairs, she felt the room become 'warmer', as if what ever was in the room, "unseen", had went elsewhere, 'downstairs perhaps'? We all rushed downstairs in which we discussed this quite amazing incident.

After the excitement of what previously happened, psychic healing was administered to Carol, Eleanor, and the neighbour next door who was also 'troubled by psychic manifestations'. All was quite for now and the relaxing healing seemed to ease the situation. Now this is where I made a big mistake readers, and one in which I am still very much regretting. For I stupidly switched off the audio tape recorder during this quite healing session. For, some minutes later, the most strange and alarming look, came over Eleanor Power's face. A 'menacing piercing look' in which one felt they had to turn away from.

Suddenly, and quite unexpectedly, Eleanor stood up and started speaking in the most strangest voice, definitely unlike her own. From my notes, and sadly not from my audio tape, this is what Eleanor said."Thet took Lawrence away, they threw him down a hole, threw logs over him...I like it here, I don't want to go, They keep taking away my friends...My mum's name is Victoria... Men are going to get me...The men that threw Lawrence down the hole. They said that he was dead...We are not dead...Elona is the name of the baby....Lawrence is 30 now, I'm 25...I can't look round the room, because the men will get me...Please don't let me go away. If mummy comes they'll put her down the hole...I've got spots, but she and Lawrence can't be dead because of this baby. (Editor's note. Elona was the name of a baby that Eleanor had lost in child birth some four years previously)"

All eyes were fixed on Eleanor as she continued to 'whirl about' and speak out in this strange manner. It honestly sent shivers down my spine. Eventually after some five minutes, Eleanor slumped into a nearby chair, 'wow' this was something else and totally unexpected, and all, "not" captured on audio tape. I could have kicked myself. This hole that Eleanor talked about, bothered me. I was aware that quite near this housing scheme, there were a number of old mine shaft entrances, (now bricked up) At a later date, a colleague and I visited these old mine shafts and took a number of photographs, of course, these may not have been the holes that Eleanor in this entranced state was referring to, but it was worth checking anyway. The spots that she mentioned, could this

have anything to do with a plague that went through parts of Central Scotland many years ago ? and which to some, would have proved unsightly and perhaps warrent death in order to keep it spreading to others ? The following day, a well known Stirling medium, a Mrs Jean Glenn, paid a visit to the home of Carol Harrison, nothing of any great significance came out of this visit, other than the medium picking up strong impressions from the home.

On the 18th of February, a colleague and I, were given permission to spend the night in the home of Carol Harrison. The family moved next door to sleep with their neighbours to let us have free run of the house. We set up our audio and video recording equipment at various points upstairs, afterwhich my colleague and I decided to check out the loft specifically to ensure that there were no hidden persons or appliances that might conduct noises, there were none. There were no signs of any devices that might have made raps or bangs, a point sceptics often make in regards to alleged paranormal noises.

After checking the loft with a weak flashlight and our imaginations running wild, (yes we Investigators are no heroes !) we came down and located ourselves at various points in the house to spend our night time vigil. My colleague stayed in Michelle's bedroom, scene of many of the disturbances, whilst I sat at the top of the stairs with a warm quilt wrapped firmly round my shoulders peering down into the inky blackness of the bottom stairway. The light from the moon shone between breaks in the cloud, through a window behind me illuminating parts of the upper hall, silence was every where, not a sound could be heard. And as usual, whenever psychic researchers are on a stake out, nothing happened. Most disappointing. Nothing was noted either on audio or video tape.

The family were most disappointed to learn that we had not experienced anything unusual in their home, indeed they were quite angry as if this might prove that they were mistaken in their judgements and misreading ordinary household noises. None the less, we kept our eyes and ears on the situation as the days grew on and we learned that things were not as bad as had been prior to the visit of the Alloa Spiritualists. Some days later, I was in a local pub having a quiet drink with a friend when my friend noticed an ex-boyfriend of Carol. "perhaps he could tell us something about this case", my friend surmised ! "possibly", I replied, and with that, I went over and explained who I was and touched briefly on the course of the SPI Investigation. I should have known better ! for in mid sentence, this guy grabbed me by the throat and pushed me up against a wall. He just didn't believe me, he thought I was Carol's new boyfriend, I could hardly say otherwise for I could hardly breath !

I'll tell you this readers, that's the first time, and I hope the last, that I've ever been assaulted in my SPI research work. We Investigators don't lead the life of Riley you know. Anyway, eventually he did believe me, but he took some convincing I can tell you.

The outcome of this Investigation, was that Carol was re-housed (in the same town). Eleanor moved to Manchester, and the other lady is still residing at the same address. As for the strange events in the house ? Well they did die down a bit, and with the two familys moving, we never found out if the events stopped in their entirety. I mean, how can you go to a new tennants door and say, "Hi", your house used to be haunted, could you tell me if it still is" ? You can't do it can you. This has always been a 'sticky one', and one that requires a lot of thought if one is thinking of checking again if the ghostly manifestations are recurring only this time with new tennants.

All in all then, this was a most interesting case, and although we researchers never saw or heard anything ourselves, it none the less was an experience for us. I would like to thank all those who assisted SPI in our case research work.

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The Alvina Scott Abduction Case.



(Editor's note. We now continue with part 3 of our fascinating Canadian UFO abduction account. We take up from the August September 92 issue in which Alvina is relating her experiences under hypnosis, of her time aboard a UFO and her discussion with the "aliens" !)

THE HYPNOSIS REGRESSION INTERVIEW, OCTOBER 4th 1989, (c) UFORIC.

ABRIEVIATIONS : (L) Lorne Goldfader. (H) Helen Williams. (A) Alvina Scott.

(L) What was the childrens reaction to you ? (A) Sort of said that I didn't feel that they belonged to me. (L) They were sad ? (A) Yes. (L) What do you estimate their age was ? (A) Well I guess you would call them children, they were about four feet tall. (L) Was there an intelligence coming from them, telepathy ? (A) There was a telepathy. (L) Were you talking with them ? (A) Mind to

mind yes. (L) Can you give me the gist of the conversation ? (A) Well just that they wanted me to teach them everything that I knew to educate them. (L) Do you recall discussing things with them along those lines ? (A) No, I refused to do it. (L) You refused to do it ! (A) Yes. (L) Can you explain why ? (A) Well I thought the whole situation was ridiculous. (L) So they didn't force you to do anything, like retrieve information from you by force ? (A) No. (helen,) (H) If they wanted to come down at a future date, did they say anything like that, like they would come if you agreed ? (A) No. (H) Then you said that another one came to you ? (A) Well that was in 1987, that was the tall being. (H) So he has grown up already, that's from your egg in four days ? (A) Yes, he was in adult form. (L) Did he tell you his name ? (A) Not that I remember. (L) Do you have any names for these beings ?



(A) Not that I can remember. (L) But you gave me the name of the race. (A) Oh the H.O.O.V.A.S. those were the doctors. (H) There were no more children, just the three ? (A) That's all yes. (L) OK, now this child that grew in four days, was it a "he" ? (A) it was a he. (L) Did he look different than the twins ? (A) Yes. (L) How ? (A) Well it seemed to me like he had skin like ours, and he was seven feet tall. The only difference was the bushy eyebrows 'right across'. (L) May I ask what is your purpose, I mean, this is a very difficult thing to do, (comment, for her to appear on t.v. in shadow with her voice electronically distorted which we later did). What is your motivation ?

(A) Well I feel that it is time for this information to come out I don't know why. I just feel that the Government has too long kept everything under wraps. They (the aliens), want to live amongst us. They want to share what they know. (L) Did they mention to you at any time why there's a cover up by our Government, did you talk along those lines ? Why they didn't land openly ? Why they had to do everything in secret ? (A) I don't really know, but I know there is a fear attached there. (L) From who ? (A) Us. (L) I see, are they afraid of us ? (A) Well I think the fear is equal on both sides. (L) Did you get the feeling that they are from a distant physical planet, or another dimension ? (A) It's a combination of both, other planets as well as other dimensions. (L) But the Hoova, where are they from, another planet, or from another dimension ? (A) From another planet in another galaxy.

(Editor's note. At this point Lorne Goldfader discusses with Alvina 'Implants', in which Alvina mentioned that she had a "strange mark" down below. I now continue). (L) Have you mentioned your UFO experiences to your doctor ? No I haven't mentioned it to him at all. In December of 1986, I went for an ultrasound, because I was again having kidney pain, and it showed on the ultrasound 'to me' what seemed like a metal clip inside the kidney, but ohhhh (suddenly remembers), "they" told me that I would pass whatever it was. It took me six weeks to pass, I just remembered that now. (L) Who told you ? (A) The Hoovas, they implanted it there, they said that it

would pass through my urinary bladder. (H) And did you see it come out ? (A) I didn't see it come out, but I sure felt it. (L) There was a little object like a tie clip did you say ? (A) Yeah, the size of a little tie clip. (L) And it was in the kidney ? (A) It was in the kidney. (L) And you think it was for what ? (A) To ease the kidney pain they said. (L) This was a metal object do you think ? (A) Yes, that's what I was told by the technicians at the ultrasound place, it was a little object. (H) On ultrasound, you saw exactly the shape of it ? What did it look like ? (A) It was like a little "C", a quarter of an inch, very tiny. (L) Did any of the doctors comment when they looked at it ? (A) He said I'm not sure what that little thing is.



(Editor's note. At this point the witness went on to relate a strange 'ringing' noise that she experienced in her ears which she felt had something to do with them (the aliens !). And she also discussed with Lorne that the aliens told her not to eat meat ! I continue). (L) Would I be correct, or incorrect, in saying that the 'Hoova' were intermediaries, or that they had a certain function to perform between races ? (A) I think you'd be correct. I feel that they were working in conjunction with a lot of other races. (L) For something beneficial ? (A) Yes (fear in her voice) to 'help themselves'. (L) To help themselves what ? (A) I feel what's going on down here, on the Earth, this negativity, jealousy and all this stuff, is affecting how the rest of the universe is, I think that what we are doing down here, is affecting the whole universe. (L) You said they are 'helping themselves', are they dying for example ? (A) I feel something has happened with their own races, not the fact that they are dying, but the fact that they are over compensated in different areas with their sexual nature, it seems to me as though they don't have genitals anymore.

(H) Atrophied you mean, dwindled ? (A) Yes, and that the only way that they can recultivate their kind is by coming to our race. (L) When you were communicating with these beings, how superior in intelligence did you feel they were if you can measure it in any human way ? (A) Very very advanced. (Suddenly remembers something, and smiles) I do recall the lady saying something about the cloning, like they can take a cell, of say you or me, and it would be like having eight or ten bodies of you up there. You wear out, or a part of you wears out, and they would take out from the other, a new organ or whatever you need. (H) Instead of getting another donar you always have your own donar ! (A) You always have your own, its you. These things are kept asleep, they don't have an essence, they don't have a spark of awareness, they are kept asleep. (Editor's note. At this point, Alvina went on to describe how these bodies were kept, she said they were kept in vats, nude, and with some form of fluid moving around the bodies. There were rows upon rows of these vats, which were made of what looked like clear glass or perspex. Other points were raised, but I'll now move on

and state that in our next issue, (May-June), I'll reprint Lorne's second interview with Alvina (January 30th 1990), in which a much more alarming picture developed, and concerned Alvina witnessing during a further abduction, rows of male and females on tables in which sperm and ova samples were being removed from their bodies.

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REFLECTING ON THE NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCE,

BY MALCOLM LEWIS, B.Ed, RGN, RCNT.

Doesn't it seem remarkable that as we approach the later years of the 20th century, a whole batch of so called psychic phenomena are coming to the forefront of the media and public attention? Remarkable also because of the gross ignorance shown by many journalists, so called intellectuals and other experts from psychologists to theologians, who blatantly destroy all matters psychic along with other ideas which don't fit into their narrow thinking. Perhaps this is harsh, but the fact is these people should know better. A true scientist will put his head on the block and accept the evidence that is in front of him regardless of the establishment. It is the search for truth which is at the forefront of scientific endeavour, however unsavoury to current thinking that truth may be. A typical example is the near death experience.

It is a phenomena which goes way back in recorded history and is experienced throughout the world in all cultures and religions. It was known in ancient Egypt, Mediaeval England, and in the ancient Americas. It becomes logical to assume that if at death the soul or etheric body dissociates with the physical body, why then can this not occur in certain circumstances prior to total physical death? We may not yet understand the exact relationship between the spirit body and the physical, but we do know that it is invisible, and that most probably it is vibrating at a much higher frequency than its physical counterpart.

It is reasonable to assume that any severe problems either physical or emotional, may act as a trigger to allow temporary dissociation of the two bodies. NDE's have been reported from attempted suicides, (such experiences tend to alter their conceptions of death rather radically!) Patients who have been severely ill, and patients who have collapsed or have under-

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gone the administration of a general anaesthetic. Indeed, working in the field of healthcare, I have been fortunate to hear many such accounts first hand. Perhaps a number of things can be concluded from this before we consider the views of the wreckers. The NDE may not actually be a near death event, but a crisis event leading to the temporary dissociation of the spiritual and physical body. Whatever cause, it is justifiable to keep the name as the majority of cases are indeed near death. The event is universal and for this reason research must continue into its mechanism.

It would not be too far off the mark to conclude that current near death research is one of the most promising areas in substantiating claims of survival beyond death being explored today. But why, if this event has been known of for so long, has it not been proved? The answer, I feel, lies like a great many others in the capacity of today's technological advances to confirm what superstition and intuition has been saying for aeons. The work of Raymond Moody, Kenneth Ring and others, has provided us with the most comprehensive accounts of these experiences ever documented. Moody is a cardiologist in a highly specialised and exacting branch of medicine. These physicians are used to sudden death, they see it every day.

There are also experts on resuscitation techniques, and it is because we are becoming ever more successful at resuscitation, that we can effectively bring people back from what would only a few years ago be certain death. It is these people who tell us such remarkable tales of separation from the physical body; of experiencing a separate consciousness; of seeing a bright light; hearing voices, music, and seeing 'so called dead loved ones'. I think it is time to see what the wreckers can tell us. These are the people (many of whom are doctors and other health professionals) who are always ready to give us rational alternative explanations for this phenomena like:

"The near death experience, while interesting, does not seem to be connected to anything mystical or psychic. It is a normal body defence mechanism towards an overwhelming physical or mental event".

They conclude that this phenomena can be caused by chemicals released by the body during crisis; endorphins and other such chemicals which both help pain and develop a sense of well being. Hearing too becomes acute at this time because it is the last of the senses to go during anaesthetic induction, they say, and suggest this may well account for the auditory hallucinations experienced. Separation from the body can seem to occur when consciousness is being lost. The oxygen deprivation often causes visual problems and can create the impression of a receding visual field, thereby creating the much spoken of tunnel, as well as flashing lights.

Now in fairness, all of these events do occur, and the case is well put. There are however, various flaws in the argument. For example.

(1) Up to 45% of people who are near to death, or in severe crisis, report a core experience of this sort. This is a vast number, so why do we not undertake a much larger research effort than in the past? After all, not all of them can be subject to wild imagination.

(2) It is universal and cross cultural. Religion too does not matter. It happens in children, and they too describe similar experiences.

(3) Oxygen deprivation may not account for this phenomena, Cases are documented where patients have remained fully oxygenated throughout treatment and have still reported the event.

(4) Separation from the physical body seems to occur. How else could people report, in detail, what is taking place in the operating theatre during resuscitation, or at the scene of an accident if this was not so? Lack of oxygen resulting in tunnel vision and sinking feelings should result in fairly rapid loss of consciousness. One would not expect to suddenly view events in detail outside of the body, and indeed as in some cases, suspended above it!

(5) Dr Kubler Ross, a well respected physician and psychiatrist, is an expert on death and dying(Editor's note. She is indeed. I attended a lecture by Dr Ross held in a hospital in Edinburgh a few years back, and fascinating it was too). She is a pioneer in the care of dying people, and is not afraid to express her views on the existence of an afterlife. She knows this exists and relates the case of a blind patient having a NDE and actually being able to 'see' what was going on around her, only to revert to her blind state once she returned to the physical body. Imagination, wishful thinking, or actual out of body experience? Decide for yourself.

The fact remains that the establishment may be very uncomfortable with the logical reasoning behind these events. It is in fact just another nail in their coffin, (if you forgive the pun!) Research needs to be conducted in a number of areas. What, for instance is the experience of so many dying patients? Evidence suggests that the dying person becomes more susceptible to, and conscious of, sensory events beyond our normal senses. There are of course ethical issues in research of this nature. Likewise for those of you who have seen the film 'Flatliners', I wouldn't advocate self induced cardiac arrest in order to experience the event!

The fact that such events and experiences are gaining greater public exposure, can only be a good thing. Raymond Moody's book 'Life After Life' was a phenomenal best seller; and the film 'Ghost' likewise drew large audiences. I am not saying here we have proved anything, but I am saying that we are on the brink of an exciting time for survival research. To the avid researcher or interested amateur, there is now amassing a wealth of diverse evidence from separate but interconnecting backgrounds. Underpinning all of this are the latest scientific discoveries in relation to the organisation

and make up of our physical, observable and invisible universe. Developments in electronics and visual communication are producing products ever more reliable and sensitive. The electromagnetic spectrum is being probed, and discoveries are coming to light in relation to electronic voice communication (EVP) with the 'so called dead'. This is now being developed, not only with audio tape, but with video evidence as well. The growth of physical mediumship is beginning once again, but this time we shall obtain solid evidence. Evidence on video which will not be dismissed so easily. At present these areas of investigation, like those of the near death experience, remain in their infancy, but ground is being gained every day.

If people are willing to make an effort to look around them for the evidence, they will see that it lies at our feet in abundance. If the evidence for survival after death were presented as evidence in a court of law, our case would have been proved long ago, (Editor's note, What an understatement that last sentence is!) We have to hit the sceptics with all that we have got. If your evidence is solid, if you can demonstrate and replicate your work, (and this is what is required, replication, not once, but time and time again) then you should not be afraid of your conclusions. This may seem very rigid, all a little scientific, but we have to meet challenges in a scientific way if we are to win through to a majority of intellectuals. It is no longer sufficient to say we have had proof, we must demonstrate the reality of it!

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VOICES FROM THE VOID

by KEVIN CARLYON

(Editor's note. The electronic voice phenomena which was briefly mentioned in our last article leads us nicely into this actual subject as our next article explains).

Just over 20 years ago, a new phenomenon erupted on to the occult scene when Fredrich Juergenson, a film producer from Sweden, was out in the country-side recording bird sounds for one of his productions. On playing the tape back he was amazed to hear many voices, all speaking in different languages. In the jumble however, some of the voices were audible, and one in Norwegian was saying, "Friedrich, you are being watched". At first Juergenson kept his discovery quiet, partly in order to research the matter further, and partly for fear of being ridiculed. In 1963 he made his findings public, and created a world wide interest. One of the people

who approached him was the Latvian psychologist Konstantin Raudive and together they made many tape recordings that seemed to confirm voices from an unknown source. Raudive continued experimenting alone, and during the next few years collected over 75,00 recordings of voices and became largely associated with the discovery of the phenomenon. Some of the voices were clear enough for research to be carried out into what they were saying, and many proved to be absolutely correct, seemingly coming from dead people.

But why did the voices keep changing language, going from Dutch to Spanish to Italian all in one sentence? Other theories were put forward, including one that the voices were from outer space and were being sent by an intelligence that had been monitoring our broadcasts. In 1971 Raudive published 'Breakthrough', a book about his findings. He died three years later. One of the biggest arguments against EVP, (electronic voicephenomena), was that the tapes might have been picking up stray radio signals. But this idea was knocked on the head when experiments were performed inside a specially screened room, a Faraday Cage, which prevented any random radio or television signals entering it. The experiments were 100 % successful with many prominent witnesses being present.

Other speculations were taken, including ensuring that the tapes were absolutely clean before use. Some of the voices were so precise about certain things, that there was little doubt they were aimed directly at the people taking part in the experiments. On one occasion, Raudive was drinking wine with a tape running, and on playing it back, a voice in a mixture of German, English, Spanish, and Swedish, said, "Good evening to you, I wish to drink of your wine". Linguistic experts agreed that the languages used were perfect, and that it was very hard for one person to switch into so many different tongues in one sentence. They had to conclude, 'They are probably genuine'.

These voices are not picked up on elaborate equipment, but on ordinary reel to reel and cassette recorders. The only problem is differentiating between ghost voices and randomly received radio signals. I used to play an electric guitar through a small amplifier, and often picked up police messages through the speaker. CB radio sets on the AM frequency, cause drastic interference at times too, so a very level headed approach should be taken when playing back. Why not experiment for yourself?

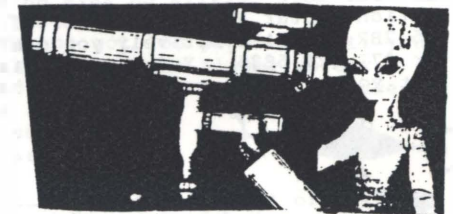
Leave a cassette tape recorder on RECORD in a quiet room or out of doors for about half an hour. An external microphone works better than the internal type which sometimes picks up a background buzz. Instead of plugging in a microphone, use a diode, which seems far more receptive, (check polarity with your electrical store). Sit in the area of the tape recorder and concentrate on the tape, thinking of any entitled that might be in the ether.

Various suggestions have been put forward as to why voices are picked up from space life or the deceased, even that the tapes may be picking up thought transmissions from the brains of the living. But presumably space life would have a far more sophisticated way of establishing contact. Wherever the voices come from, they DO COME.

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So You Want To Be A Star ? By Malcolm Robinson.



Ever fancied having something named after you or a loved one? something that would live on and be noted well after your demise on Earth? Most people I'm sure, if they were asked, would love to have a ship, a street, or train or numerous other things named after them. These however, are earthly things, so how about something more "spacey", something more "stellar"? Why not have a star named after you, (or a loved one). This believe it or not, can be done for the humble price of £40.00.

The following, is a few paragraphs from the information pack of which I received recently, (details in a moment) it reads thus. "The stars are in the sky to be admired and enjoyed by all in their own way. As man has not yet been any further than the moon no Government or organisation can claim sovereignty over any star. (One could not attempt to re-name the streets of London however because various local authorities have jurisdiction over these matters, but the same does not apply to stars, no one has jurisdiction over the sky). The ISR (International Star Registry) makes it quite clear to its customers that they absolutely do not sell any rights of ownership to the star, they merely name it and keep a record of such. No law in any country prevents them from that"

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Some people may find this a bit wacky, but I honestly feel that it's a great idea, and I am seriously thinking about it myself. Indeed the members of the ill fated Challenger shuttle disaster have now been given their own place in the heavens, by having stars named after them in a cluster in the constellation of Aquila. In a sense this would make the ideal birthday/Christmas present as you also get for your money a beautiful 12" X 16" colour certificate showing the new name you've chosen, the date of it's registration, and the star's telescopic coordinates inscribed in hand by Calligraphy. Also enclosed is a plan of the Constellations a large astronomical chart showing the exact position of the star which is circled in red, and an information booklet.

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Recommended Books

UFOs AND HOW TO SEE THEM By Jenny Randles. (£14.99 from major book stores or, Anaya publishing, Strode House, 44-50 Osnaburgh Street London, NW1 3ND. Telephone, 071 383 2997.

Well our Jenny has went back to the basic roots of UFOlogy in this work which is heavily illustrated with photographs of alleged UFOs and other such aerial devices. She deals primarily with early historical records of strange lights in the sky, and discusses the early beginnings of 'Flying Saucers', through the Arnold age, onto the alleged alien contacts. What is pleasing about this book, is Jenny's breakdown in regards to the various locations on Earth in which one has a better chance of witnessing a UFO.

Jenny's own style of deliverance makes this an enjoyable desk top read. Crop Circles are also given an airing, with most sides presented fairly. For me though, this book will go a long way in presenting the subject of UFOlogy in the correct manner, as it deals with the pro's and con's, the sceptics and the believers. For those coming into UFOlogy for the first time, this is surely the book for them, the only drawback however, (there's always one eh !) is the price, £14.99, which in this climate, is "pricey". You could of course get your local library to order it for you, in this way, more people will get a chance to enjoy this book. Lest I forget, the boys from Glasgow won't forgive me if I don't

mention the fact that Jenny presents a photograph of their group CE IV with a little info on the group. So in summing up, good one Jen. Basic UFOlogy, but it's pleasing to see the return to the shops of an introductory book like this which will open up to the public to this most fascinating phenomenon.

(Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson).

CROP CIRCLE LANGUAGE By Steve Canada. (Available through mail order only, from Steve Canada, Box 1913, Morro Bay, California, 93443 1913, USA 10 volumes \$39.00, U.S. funds only. Single Volume \$6.00.

Well this is something else, and I've not got 100 pages to tell you about it, (I would need it !). OK, we've had the plasma vortex theory, the orgone energy theory, and much more, to explain these mysterious Crop Circles. Well, this author contends that these circles, (the genuine ones !) are indeed produced by "aliens" who are visiting Earth from a hidden 10th planet, in which the author tells us, the French Government has a special office and staff to look for this planet, (I hope they open the window !) known to our ancient people according to one Z. Sitchin, as Nibiru and later as Marduk.



Anyway, these aliens are leaving "messages" in the crop fields of planet Earth for us backward humans to decipher. But author Steve Canada has it all sussed out, for he reckons that this is a programme being carried out by the visitors, in which they are attempting to show us where they are from and who they are ! Their message is clear, they are giving us notice of their 'return' to Earth. OK, you've heard all this before, but don't knock this view until you've read Crop Circle Language. I can promise you an enlightening read. Whether it's true or not is anybody's guess but author Steve Canada certainly thinks so.

(Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson.)

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VISIONS OF BOWMEN AND ANGELS by Kevin McClure

Using an array of contemporary reports in this booklet, Kevin McClure considers the strange events said to have occurred at the time of the Retreat from Mons, in August 1914. As well, he presents the first balanced and objective account of reports of visions during the First World War including: the Agincourt Bowman, Angels, Jesus Christ, St George and more. "Visions of Bowman and Angels" will be of great interest to students of the paranormal, of the work of Arthur Machen, of religious experiences, and the history of the First World War. Available at £2 inc p&p from: The Wild Places, 42 Victoria Road, Mount Charles, St Austell, Cornwall PL25 4QD. £2.50 overseas. Please make cheques payable to Kevin McClure.

DIVE IN DEEP, (Audio Music Tape By Steve Andrews.) £5.00 from Steve Andrews, 22 Parker Place, Ely, Cardiff, Wales, CF5 4NS.

Not my cup of tea, but this bizarre music tape from 30 year old singer songwriter Steve Andrews is certainly different. His music has been labelled as "swamp rock", and I guess this is as near to the truth as you'll get. Steve's "into" Gurdjieff, Krishna, Scientology, Paganism, UFOs, and mother earth, quite a mixture, and one he uses to effect throughout his songs. As one reviewer of Steve Andrews music aptly put it,..." If you sat next to Steve on a train you'd pull the emergency cord !" Whether you'd want to pull the emergency cord on this album, is up to you, but I do suggest you buy it and see. It's wacky, it's different, and it's pure Steve Andrews. !

(Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson).

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something that was supernatural. "Any possible utilisation of the ether, however by discarnate intelligences must be left as a problem for the future" (Sir Oliver Lodge FRS, Pioneer of radio). Well the future is here at last, thanks to Ronald Pearson, we now have the elusive mathematics showing exactly where the so called next world is. This 370 page paperback is written largely for the lay reader. A technical supplement is appended for the mathematically minded to provide a credibility for the main text. This book is a dagger into the heart of materialism. Thanks to Niels Bohr's Quantum Mechanics 'the study of the building blocks of nature, we now know that reality also exists beyond our five physical senses. Pearson shows that other universes co-exist with us, their matter being tuned to different frequencies from one another and from our own, so that all can interpenetrate one another without interference.

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CENTRAL SCOTLAND IN GRIP OF U.F.O. WAVE.

Malcolm Robinson

OK, I would need about six ENIGMAS devoted entirely to informing my readers about the biggest UFO wave to hit Scotland in years, which has been occurring in Central Scotland since around November 1992, and indeed is "still occurring as I write" ! Scotland has never seen the likes of it before, (I know I certainly haven't). To say that I've been kept busy with this, would be the biggest understatement in years. But let's start from the beginning.

SOURCE OF REPORT AND INFORMATION.

This case first came to my attention when I heard a news report (November 4th 1992) on Central F.M. a radio station based in the town of Stirling which was informing it's listeners about a spate of UFO sightings in the town of Bonnybridge, (near Falkirk). I quickly got in touch with the person who presented this news item, a miss Jane Barrie who was most helpful. From there I was invited into the Central F.M. studios to discuss the UFO phenomena in general, but not, I must state, the actual events in Bonnybridge as I had yet to become involved with these sightings.

STEPS TAKEN TO OBTAIN RELEVANT INFORMATION.

It was during my talk to listeners of Central F.M. that I made a request for any further witnesses to come forward and get in touch with me. I was then given councillor Billy Buchanan's phone number. Billy had been the main co-ordinator of these UFO reports prior to me becoming involved with this case. (Bonnybridge was Billy's home town). Upon contacting Billy, I found him to be a good source of information as he explained that the situation was developing fast in regards to continuing UFO reports. I then made a number of other enquiries, which quickly showed to me that this case was turning out to have all the hallmarks of a "UFO WAVE". For the record, the Denny area (near Falkirk), had in the past (1982) been a feature of SPI research work in which a whole host of UFO sightings were recorded, including a "repeater witness"

It was decided by both councillor Buchanan and myself that a good step would be to contact the Falkirk Herald to seek out possible further witnesses. Our article in the Herald was published, this brought a flood of phone calls to my home with people relating their own UFO experience.



COUNCILLOR BILLY BUCHANAN.

Local support for UFO claims

MORE people are claiming to have seen UFOs in the Bonnybridge area.

Following last week's Advertiser story on sightings of unidentified flying objects around the village, more people have reported seeing strange lighted crafts in the sky.

Now a team of scientists are urging anyone who has seen anything to contact them.

Malcolm Robinson of the Psychic Phenomena Unit said: "We are taking this whole thing very seriously indeed. I would appeal to anyone who has seen any sort of object to contact me on (0259) 724033."

Local councillor Billy Buchanan has been inundated with calls from people who have had a "close encounter".

"Now that it's out in the open," said Councillor Buchanan, "more people are coming forward. Before, they said nothing for fear of being laughed at".

Councillor Buchanan has also attacked national newspaper reports at the weekend which he said ridiculed the people who had come forward to report the sightings.

Television, radio and national newspaper reporters have been in the area to talk to some of the people who have had sightings.

Councillor Buchanan also had articles featured in the Scottish Sunday Mail, and the Falkirk Advertiser, featured here. Further lines of enquiry that I took to seek out possible solutions to answer these UFO reports were put forward in the direction of both Glasgow and Edinburgh airports. Cumbernauld airport, which is the closest to Bonnybridge, was also contacted. Aircraft do indeed fly over the Bonnybridge region, especially from local Cumbernauld airport, the people I spoke to however, were adamant that what they saw, was most certainly no aircraft or helicopters.

My next line of enquiry was to phone the local police I asked the desk policeman if he was aware of any local people reporting to the police on UFO sightings, he checked his records and informed me that no one had been in touch with this police station to report any such sightings, but if so, he would get in touch with me. As of this writing, no such phone call has been made to me. At home I was still bombarded with continual phone calls, some of which I could clearly see were probable misidentifications of aircraft, however in general, most calls related quite startling sightings, as the following relate.

SOME UFO REPORTS MADE TO SPI.

The witness to this case James Thomson (pseudonym) resides in Bonnybridge and observed the following on Wednesday November 11th 1992. James observed 2 huge bright white lights moving slow towards him (in the Greenhill area of Bonnybridge) estimated at roughly 200 feet up in the sky. The witness then heard a humming noise, he likened it to a washing machine on its final spin. The object then started to move from side to side as it moved above a field. There were small lights on the top of this object, a power surge of noise was also heard. The witness is sure as he can ever be, that this was not an aircraft.

THE SLOGGETT CASE.

The following case generated the most interest during this UFO wave, it concerned the observations of two objects witnessed by a mother, daughter, and son. It was in March 1992, (witnesses can't recall the exact day), that the Sloggett family were walking down the back road from Hallglen to Bonnybridge. During the course of this walk, the time of which was 7pm, Steven Sloggett witnessed in the sky, a large circle of light which he pointed out to the rest of his family. The light then landed nearby, and amazingly they thought

nothing about this and kept on walking. They looked again, and all saw a big blue light 'sitting on the road'. The witnesses described this as a very strong blue light, roughly the size of a basketball. At one stage, all witnesses heard whilst observing this blue object, a distinct rattling or striking of a nearby wire fence bordering a field, (see front cover photo of ENIGMAS). They feel that the rattling of this fence was somehow connected to this intense bright blue ball. SPI have since been to the scene of this incident, and although 8 months since this account, we could not detect any "differing" in the road's surface. The Sloggett family also claim to have heard the following in connection to this sighting. Firstly, a "whirring sound", then the sound of a "door opening" ! then a "howl" ! At this stage the Sloggett family took immense fright, and ran for their lives !

Before I come to the Sloggett family's second sighting which occurred further along this stretch of road, I could speculate and say that this first sighting seems similar to those 'Earth Light Phenomena' that researcher and author, Paul Devereaux writes about. In which owing to movement beneath the Earth's surface, the tectonic strain exerted on rock strata beneath the Earth somehow produces balls of plasma light which can be emitted upwards into the atmosphere, being witnessed by observers and can in this regard, be misconstrued as being a UFO or more fanciful 'Flying Saucer'. Was this the case here ?

The second sighting by the Sloggetts, occurred about a half a mile away from the scene of the first encounter, in which the witnesses claim to have observed an "object" coming out of some trees which apparently illuminated them by flashing some lights at them. I tend to think that owing to the witnesses' fright of the previous incident, this object concealed within these trees on a dirt track road, could well have been a car or large vehicle containing a courting couple trying to scare of the Sloggetts ! For as in the first instance, the Sloggetts again took to their heels.

FURTHER UFO REPORTS.

It was on the 20th of September 1992 that 22 year old Steven Wilson was driving home from Whitecross to Maddiston. He was accompanied on this journey by his friend, 21 year old David Gillespie. During the course of this journey, they both noticed a peculiar object hovering above a field near a housing estate. The object was oval

SIGHTINGS TAKEN 'VERY SERIOUSLY'

U.F.O. expert Malcolm Robinson said his organisation took all sightings "very seriously", but admitted it was often "up against the fear of ridicule".

Mr Robinson is the founder of the Strange Phenomenon Investigations research group.

He said: "We collect evidence from individuals and our hope is that we can help to establish why these things are being seen throughout the skies of the world."

"About ten years ago I did research concerning a number of sightings in the Denny and Bonnybridge areas. I find it surprising that we've now had similar U.F.O. observations in the same locality."

He stressed that "95 out of 100 sightings had natural down-to-earth explanations".

Added Mr Robinson: "But, at the end of the day, there may be people in Falkirk District who are reluctant to come forward to speak about their experiences."

"I'd urge them to get in touch with me by telephoning (0259) 724033."

An R.A.F. Leuchars spokesman said: "The only thing which can hover is a helicopter. I've made inquiries and can't come across anything which fits this description."

A spokesman for Edinburgh Airport was at a loss over what was seen.

He said: "We can't explain the mysterious objects other than helicopters at dawn or dusk."

THE FALKIRK HERALD
NOVEMBER 12th 1992.

WHAT WE SAW:

"There was a very bright light in the sky. I couldn't make out a shape, just a cluster of lights. When I stepped out, it disappeared. I heard no sound except a very, very low hum"

— ANONYMOUS BUSINESSMAN

year old Craig Morrison left his house to run an errand in the town of Lrbert near Falkirk, when he suddenly heard a "whoosing" sound coming from above him in the sky. Upon looking up, he observed three red lights, (rectangular) with a curve structure below them not far above the rooftops of nearby houses. Although the witness couldn't be sure, he felt that the object was circular. After some minutes, the object flew off and was lost to view.

UFO ABOVE ROAD !

It was on the 27th of October 1992, that Patrick Forsyth (pseudonym) was driving accompanied with his two sons aged (11) and (6) towards Stirling. Partick had just left Dunipace and was heading along the A872 doing approximately 45 MPH. Suddenly they observed an object roughly 100 yards in front of them which was circular, two tiered and had a row of green lights encircling the bottom rim of it's structure. Patrick estimates that the object was hovering above the road's surface at a height of between 25, to 40 feet. As they approached ever nearer, Patrick's attention was drawn to a car which had just entered a fog bank which had appeared from nowhere" ? When Patrick drove through this "fog bank", he looked up and noticed that the object had front had skidded to it's left as it went through this "instant fog". The object had been in view for around thirty seconds in which time the object was described as jet black with green lights. Six year old David Forsyth looked through the back windscreen of the car and observed the object heading in the direction of Grangemouth very fast.



THE UFO OBSERVED
HOVERING ABOVE THE
ROAD.

UFO WITNESSED BY FIRE CREW.

This next account is from the year 1989, which continues to show that UFO activity has been a feature of this area for some years now which seems to intensify on certain dates ? The principle witness is a Mr Robert Muir, (pseudonym) whose occupation at this time was a fireman. Robert had been called out with his colleagues, to attend to a moss fire near some woods which featured in the location a small lake. The location was Gardrum Moss, near the village of Shieldhill. Robert can't recall the exact month in 1989, but remembers the time as being in the early morning, around 00.30am.

This following account was also witnessed by around 15 other fire crew personnel. As they attended to the fire, a small red object was observed hovering to the left of two masts in the distance. This

WHAT WE SAW:

"A bright object appeared in the sky. It was pretty low: a big red and white triangle with dotted lights. It was really strange, almost like the end of a house with Christmas lights"

— BARBARA STOCKS

in shape, red in colour, and was sharply defined. They estimated that they observed this strange object for around one and a half minutes. No sound could be heard coming from this object. At 6. 10pm between October and November (witness can't recall exact date). 12

This light then began to come towards the fire engine, then moving at speed, it disappeared to the west. It then reappeared some distance away then sped out of sight within three seconds. A secondary object coloured white, was then observed by all, coming down towards a small lake nearby. It stopped and remained motionless above the surface of this lake at an estimated distance of six feet and at an estimated distance of 20 feet from the fire crew. At this point, all the fire crew were nudging each other asking one another if they too could see this object, and it wasn't their imagination. For this spectacle seemed totally unreal and quite out of the ordinary. Then, to their surprise, the object then 'rushed' towards them then turned 90 degrees to their left, and shot away at an incredible rate. With their hair standing up on the backs of their necks, they

With their hair standing up on the back of their neck, they then observed a further object, again coloured white as they were about to leave the scene of this fire. This object moved overhead quite low in a 'jerky movement'. It then flew directly overhead the fire crew and moved away at great speed to the west. This concluded the three observations over a five minute period. Having spoken to one of the witnesses to this fascinating spectacle, he is of the strong opinion that the object that hovered above the lake, was under intelligent control, and it gave not only him, but his colleagues the impression that it was observing them. It made them feel nervous hence the hairs standing up on the backs of their necks.

THE BONNYBRIDGE SKYWATCH.

The Bonnybridge UFO sightings were increasing, and as such, were drawing more and more attention further afield. Various newspapers rung me for quotes, followed by Scottish Television's "Scotland Today" Evening News programme. They made arrangements with both councillor Billy Buchanan and myself, and on November the 16th, came out to Bonnybridge to film SPI Interviewing witnesses. That same evening, I was invited back to Glasgow to be interviewed by presenter Viv Lumsden on the Scottish Television roof ! (boy was it cold, no warm studios for me !) Later, a Scottish Television film crew came back to Bonnybridge to film our planned skywatch. This was great, at long last these T.V. people were taking these UFO sightings seriously. STV would dearly have loved to have been able to film a UFO which would have given them the 'scoop of the century'. I believe that is why they came to film our skywatch.

Joining the SPI skywatch on a bitterly cold night, was Helen Walters, Kevin Rennie, and Glasgow rock group CE IV who as we should know

Shedding light on UFO reports

THE mystery of a spate of apparent UFOs in Falkirk District could be solved in the New Year.

Experts sifting through scores of reported sightings in the skies over Bonnybridge, Denny and Falkirk hope to come up with an explanation in the next few weeks.

Two football fans and three women are the latest to report unusual unidentified objects.

Norman Robb and his pal Don 'Dobble' were on their way to Brockville last Wednesday when they spotted an odd object.

Grangemouth worker Rhona Fry, Mary Gardiner and Irene Barclay witnessed a weird disc-like mass of flashing lights over the

former Ian Black in Falkirk on Tuesday. Norman (23), 15 Elving Avenue, Falkirk, was driving down Ochilview Terrace when he saw the huge object overhead.

"It had red and blue lights and one bright horizontal beam. I collected Don from his house and we watched this thing for a good five minutes," he said.

"I've taken a lot of shots since I submitted seeing it, but I definitely saw something. It wasn't a helicopter or aeroplane."

Don (17), 86 Ochilview Terrace, Camelon, said: "It was a disc shape, hovering, then moving fast and slow."

The three women were going to work when they made their sighting.

"It had yellow, green and orange flashing lights. It was weird," said auxiliary nurse Mary (51), 48 Craighill Road.

"It was identical but had spots sticking out of the sides. It was quite low down and still," said Rhona (26), Oswald Avenue.

Irene (42), Spay Court, said: "It certainly didn't look like a plane."

Malcolm Robinson from Strathclyde Phenomena Investigations said the latest sightings could still have a down-to-earth explanation.

He added: "I hope to be able to shed some light on this at a meeting in the area in January. There's evidence to suggest there is something highly unusual flying in the skies above Bonnybridge and surrounding area."



Norman Robb: "Definitely saw something".

are committed to serious UFOlogy put into practice through their songs. SPI, along with Scottish Television, (STV), headed off to some lonely moors behind Bonnybridge, (scene of the Sloggett incident) in which the most perfect night sky was in full view, not a cloud to be seen. A sprinkling of stars covered a vast black velvet sky, "perfect conditions". Around 15 to 20 people started our skywatch all looking up to the heavens in hopes of a sighting. The peace was soon shattered however, by a continual stream of cars all heading up to the moors, headlights streaming in all directions, (we hadn't gauged for this mass interest in our skywatch, but I guess that's the power of television for you, this added interest certainly swelled our ranks.

A lot of air traffic was observed during this skywatch, but I'm afraid, no UFOs, most disappointing, but isn't that just usual when Investigators turn up for something like this! This skywatch was shown by Scottish Television the following night, and was put over "fairly". Indeed, STV managed to obtain from a chap in Kircaldy, (near Glenrothes), a camcorder film of which purports to be a UFO which on film looks like a ball of light travelling horizontally across the sky.

BONNYBRIDGE PUBLIC UFO LECTURE.

UFO reports were still coming in thick and fast, indeed former SPI researcher Ron Halliday who has formed his own research group entitled, "Scottish Earth Mysteries", was himself kept busy with UFO reports from the Edinburgh and Lothian Region, so it was clear to see that this UFO Wave was showing the most considerable attention over various parts of Central Scotland. Owing to the immense interest in the Bonnybridge UFO sightings, Councillor Billy Buchanan suggested that SPI should hold a public lecture in Bonnybridge to inform the local residents on what was going on, (by this time even councillor Buchanan had seen a UFO which, he informs me, was totally unlike anything that he has ever seen before, an oval shape object in the night sky with spikes or rods sticking out from underneath it!)

So a date was set, January 31st 1993, and the venue was the plush Norwood Hotel in Bonnybridge. Billy and I both expected a 'fair' turn out owing to the vast publicity generated by both the local and National newspapers, but we were struck dumb and taken aback by the huge volume of people who did attend this lecture. Upwards of 300 people turned up on the night, with many turned away at the door. And it was a free lecture too! Anyway, I firstly gave an overview of the UFO phenomena, which was added to by the use of extracts from UFO videos. I also showed slides, (thanks Philip Mantle) depicting various cases from the annals of UFOlogy, after which I spoke on Scotland's famous 'Livingston Incident', after which I followed on with the Bonnybridge UFO sightings themselves. There were quite a few youngsters in the audience which was nice to see, and come question time, many good points were raised. However, I did experience my very first "hecklers" who now and then shouted out explanations, and laughed out loud at the Antonio Villas Boas case. They

were quickly put in their place however, as members of the audience turned round to them and told them to 'shut the **** up'! Eventually these hecklers were removed from the premises. A black mark on otherwise a very special night. This lecture then was a big success and some local newspapers carried this fact the following week.

Contained within this article, are but some of the UFO reports from the Bonnybridge and surrounding district region. Some of these sightings could well be misidentifications of aircraft, as for the others, well there is at this time a high 'residue' of sightings which seem to defy explanation. These sightings are, at the time of this writing February, still ongoing. SPI are still dedicated into hope-fully providing some form of answer, but as we UFOlogists know, this is not always an easy task. But our Investigations are continuing and we will be informing the readers of this Journal in regards to further UFO incidents. Human knowledge depends upon asking questions and if mankind ceases to ask questions in regard to the UFO phenomena then we are doing ourselves no favours. We simply must enquire into the UFO phenomena, for if we don't, then we will always be stuck in primary one.

To those who think that UFOs are a load of balloney, I would say, "get up out of your seat and do some research, talk to these people and you'll soon see that 'something is going on' but that mankind in his limited abilities is still far short of providing an answer. But an answer must be found, for not to enquire is so foolish an attitude and shrinks from the responsibility of man's enquiring mind.

(Report by Malcolm Robinson. More next issue).

STRANGE AND UNKNOWN

BY LEE WALSH

(Editor's note. I am pleased to announce that SPI has secured the services of author Lee Walsh from Damariscotta, ME, USA, who writes extensively on the paranormal in all its various subjects. Here is the first of 'many' differing articles from Lee Walsh.)

DISMISSING A MYTH...THE CURSE OF JONATHAN BUCK, By Lee Walsh.

Bucksport Cemetary, Bucksport, Maine, USA, September 1989.

The moss covered ground in the cemetery where Jonathan Buck lies was like a deep soft carpet beneath my feet. A gentle fall of many coloured leaves reminded me of a patchwork quilt, readying the ground for winter snows that were bound to come. There is something about an old cemetery one cannot ignore the intense feelings of awe, fear or sadness, wonder or peacefulness that stirs within. I had gone to Buck cemetery in Bucksport Maine that cool september afternoon in 1989 to gather material on the curse and myth surrounding Johnathan Buck, founder of the small town of Bucksport. I left believing that the truth should be known about Johnathan Buck the man.

Truth, even in legend, does not vary in its content. The validity of an unknown remains unchallengeable and indisputable by its consistency and determination to survive even in the spirit world. Though full well knowing that it will never be so, it is time after nearly 200 years, that the curse is laid to rest along with Johnathan Buck.

Standing boldly and silently, facing the traffic on Route 1, in the town of Bucksport Maine, is a tall granite monument erected in memory of its founding father Johnathan Buck. On its face is an imperfection in the granite that by no stretch of the imagination appears to be a leg and foot...and therein lies a curse and a legend that will not die! In looking through the 'facts' concerning the Buck curse, there are many discrepancies and conflicting stories surrounding the old tale, depending on the version you have heard or read. In some accounts, the curse is said to have brought forth the image at the gravesite; one uttered by a man, in other accounts it is a woman. There are various reasons given for the curse, as well as other conflicting curses. Johnathan Buck, a harsh Puritanical man, found a Witch in his midst. He ordered her imprisoned and then later hanged.

Ready to be hanged, the supposed Witch uttered this curse, "Johnathan Buck, listen to these words, the last my tongue shall utter. It is the spirit of the only living God which bids me to speak to you. You will soon die, and over your grave they will erect a stone, that all may know the spot where your bones lay and crumble to dust. Upon that stone the imprint of my foot shall appear and for all time, after your accursed face has vanished from the face of the earth, will people from far and near know you murdered a woman!"

I might add here that for many years this 'Witches Leg' has been a grand tourist attraction, selling T. shirts with the imprinted leg and drawing many people to the little town of Bucksport. Perhaps the most degrading account to come out of this legend is that the once upstanding father of Bucksport, (then Buckstown) had an illicit affair with a woman who bore him a hideous deformed son. To cover this scandal, the woman was burned in her own doorway, using the excuse that she was a Witch to cover her demise, hence again, a curse on Johnathan Buck. There are conflicting reports as to the burial site as well as



LEE WALSH.

to where the cursed image of the leg and foot first appeared. In the "Witch's Curse" by James D. Whittemore, Bucksport newspaperman for New England magazine (1902) it says in part, "With a shaft of granite they marked the spot. Where his grave was made in the old town lot and a leg and a foot right through the name of Johnathan Buck, like a badge of shame". A gravestone (at the head of the grave) not the monument on which the image appears is described here. And the large monument carries the name BUCK while the image lies under the name. Early reports mentioned that the gravestone had been worked on or replaced because the image could not be removed by any means, another leg and foot always readily appeared on the replaced gravestone. Other rumours led one to believe that the image appeared on the gravestone shortly after Bucks's burial.

Historians say that the present gravestone is the original one, having never been replaced, and the 'cursed' image only appeared on the Buck monument that was erected 57 years after Johnathan Bucks death. The monument was erected by his grandchildren. There are many conflicting accounts that carry on the myth of the curse of Johnathan Buck and the Witch's leg on his monument. However, unless you search through the old records the curse put on Johnathan Buck by the Witch he condemned to burn, and the proof positive image on his monument is the tourist attraction of Bucksport Maine. In reality, according to the old records, there is no curse and there are no real facts to keep the legend alive any longer. There are some real facts however, and they are as follows.

Although Johnathan Buck was appointed Justice of the Peace in 1784 and later elected to the General Court, he had no authority to condemn anyone to death, either by hanging or burning. Colonel Buck could not have been a Judge at the Salem Witch trials as he was born in 1718 and there is no record of his being a judge while living in the state of Massachusetts. No one was ever burned or hanged in the state of Maine for Witchcraft, that is on record at least! There is no doubt an imperfection in the granite that resembles a leg and foot. However, some say that there is a logical explanation for this. It is not unusual for Blue Hill Granite, from which the monument is made, to have iron flaws, and because of this other shapes have been seen on other stones. Monument makers say that these stains can be scraped off, only to return when the air oxidizes the iron once again. There is nothing in all the many legends and writings of the curse of Johnathan Buck to substantiate one glimmer of truth to any part of the curse. Colonel Buck was, in reality, a shipbuilder and surveyor, the founder of Bucksport in 1762, a veteran of the French-Indian wars, and a Colonel in the revolution. He has much else to his credit including a wife and nine children.

There is generally little harm in perpetuating a good healthy myth mystery or yarn, but this tale that won't "die" is more than that. Members of the Buck family, as well as close friends, have suffered anger and humiliation. Mrs Alice Buck, a direct descendant of Colonel Buck abhors the legend. That September day in 1989 it was quiet in the little cemetery at Bucksport. I had come armed with notepad,

camera tissue paper, crayon and tape recorder. Notes and photos were taken, rubbings of the monument and gravestone were done, and the tape recorder was left running on the gravesite of a relative of William Buck at the far end of the cemetery. I had experimented with 'spirit' communications by tape recorder in the past with quite good results. I must admit that I felt just a little disappointment in knowing there was no real mystery involved here. I picked up the tape recorder that had been silently running on the gravesite, along with a large pine cone, and headed home to Damariscotta, about a 3 hour drive.

Upon returning home, I put the tape in the recorder to listen. Maybe William or Johnathan thought 'they owed me one' for, a long time after the silent drone of 'nothingness' on the tape, there was a very clear sound of blowing wind followed by a long moan! Legend has it that as the curse was spoken, a wind came up out of the west...Well maybe it was just a long and final sigh of relief! After that visit, something kept reminding me of what the Librarian Geraldine Spooner, at the Buck Memorial Library had said. She wished that I would write an article to finally set the record straight concerning their beloved town founder. I told her I would try. I've decided that maybe he will know that I have tried to set the record straight, I think I owe him one. There is the wind and the sigh on my tape to remind me that I never finished the job.

(c) Lee Walsh.

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The William Moore Interview. (PART I).

(Editor's note. As promised from our last issue, I now present an extract from an interview that I conducted with American UFOlogist William Moore, co- author with Charles Berlitz on the Philadelphia Experiment. William was also one of the main researchers into the Roswell New Mexico UFO crash of 1947. This interview is from August last year and was conducted at the IUN/BUFORA UFO Congress in Sheffield England).

ABRIEVIATIONS : (MR) Malcolm Robinson. (WM) William Moore.

(MR) William what are your current views on UFO abductions? (WM) I've discussed abductions with some of my friends within the U.S. Intelligence community who are interested in them. Their statements across the board are consistent, that is, they have no reason to believe that they are what they appear to be. They are not what they appear to be!! I have less and less confidence in Bud Hopkins and his methods of Investigation and reporting. I think Bud means well, but

he is far too emotionally involved in what he's doing to do critical work on it. I have little respect for Dave Jacobs as an abduction person, but I have great respect for Dave Jacobs as a historian. I



M. ROBINSON & WILLIAM MOORE.

he's in a field that he is over his head in and unqualified to deal with. (MR) Briefly, what are your views on the Gulf Breeze Phenomena and Ed Walters as a witness? (WM) I've tried to stay out of that. I've met Ed briefly across a lunch table with his wife Francis. I've seen the pictures and I've spent many hours with Bruce Macabee, whose a close friend. I just don't have a position on it as far as accepting it or rejecting it, but I am leaning strongly in the direction that it is a hoax, and it is being manipulated by people who are fairly sophisticated in what they are doing. But I don't think they are Government types, I think that it's a private situation. I think that some of the more recent sightings "might" be explained by model aircraft, radio controlled models, large ones, but that's something that I'd like to see further investigated, it's only a hypothesis at this point.

I just can't say that I'm particularly impressed with this case. It's got a lot of publicity because the people associated with it sought to publicise it before they were finished Investigating it. (MR) There are many views and theories as to where these UFOs (if they exist in an alien sense) come from, one of them being extra-dimensions. What are your own views on this extra-dimensional theory? (WM) I think whether you use the word extra-dimensional or extra-terrestrial their basically one and the same. Whether they are coming here from somewhere else in time, or somewhere else in space is only a matter of reference. Einstein would tell you that they are one and the same and I would tend to confirm with that, that they are not of our own space time; if one accepts the concept that they are some sort of technology, and that's sufficient whether you want to sit and debate about whether they are coming here from our own future or our own past, or whether they are coming from Zeta Reticula or Mars.

The point is, we are dealing with something which has every aspect of being a technological phenomena. If it isn't technological, then we are dealing with a natural phenomena which seems to be able to mimic technology, which in itself is fascinating. I think that until we have further answers and are prepared to either give forth with that which has already been learned and is being kept secret, or until the occupants themselves come forward, or the natural phenomenon itself is convincingly and completely explained, the best attitude is not to worry about where they are from, or who they are, or why they are here but rather to begin to get to the bottom of question number one, which is basically, "what are we dealing with"? Once we learn WHAT, then we learn Who, Where, and Why.

(MR) What are your views on the mysterious crop circles which appear chiefly in England each year, have you any theories, ideas,

speculations regarding these crop circles? (WM) In one word, "Fascinating". I don't know what else I can say. I've never seen one it's a phenomenon which is not as common in the U.S. I just plain don't know. I'm not at all impressed by the confessions of those two old foggies Doug and Dave, who said that they made them with a piece of rope, maybe they made a few of them that way, and that's fine, but I don't feel that accounts for all of them. There is a certain sophistication involved here that seems to me, to be beyond their immediate capabilities. Are they extraterrestrial? I don't know, I wish I could answer that in a better fashion except to say that I am fascinated by them.

(MR) Moving on now to the MJ 12 documents, is there any possibility that these documents could be false, (disinformation), and that we are all being led up the garden path? (WM) Of course there is, I'm the first one to say that. I am the first one to say that I was aware of that from the very beginning and took that into account. That's fine if that's what they are, for then we have a story in itself, because whoever created them, if they are false, was extremely knowledgeable in what they were doing, and had access to information which is not in the public domain. They went to a lot of trouble to leak them to an individual who did absolutely nothing with them for several years. If you want to create DISinformation, if you want to mislead your followers, you don't leak the information to a team of investigators whom your certain do absolutely nothing with it until they are done with it, you leak it to the tabloids, you leak it to the blabbermouths, the sensationalists, the ones who will run with it without doing any investigation behind it. You don't leak it to someone who has contacts within the Intelligence community because they may be able to catch you at it. There's too much risk involved.

None of that makes any sense from the standpoint of a surface kind of hoax. There's too much depth with this situation if it is DISinformation, and it could be, then there's a deeper purpose, and a far more lengthy in time purpose in this game. This is a game which is not yet played out, someone is prepared to play it for a long time. You have to remember that these documents were leaked in 1984, nothing was done with them until 1987, no one outside a very small circle of people knew they existed until 1987 to this day, no one has convincingly disproved that one of them is most certainly authentic.

(MR) Between one and ten, what would you say the MJ 12 documents stand at? (WM) You would have to take them as separate documents. For the Eisenhower briefing document, I would give that between 60 and 70% likelihood that they are authentic. For the Truman Memorandum, a one page thing, I give that

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between a 20 and 30% likelihood that it's authentic. I really feel that if there is any "phoneyess", then that one stands the best chance of being a fabrication, but a good one. For the Cutler Twinning Memorandum, I give that a 99%. If your going to refute that one, then your going to have to come up with something really convincing, because you could show the typewriter that it was done on other documents, done in the same type. We have other official known to be authentic documents that were done on the same typewriter at the same time in the same office. How are you going to beat that? That's sufficient for a court of law.

(MR) Here in 1992, we are still talking about the Roswell New Mexico crash, now you have done quite a considerable amount of research into this case, do you still feel it holds water and that something extraordinary happened here? (WM) Yes the case certainly holds water, if it didn't, nobody would be talking about it today. Is there still more work to be done? Yes, a great deal more work to be done. Is it easy work? No. All the easy work has been done, what remains is the tough part. The really difficult part of digging out bits and pieces of a puzzle that may mean nothing to you at the time, and may only mean something to you later when you find another piece that fits and suddenly the picture begins to emerge. The biggest question that now remains is "what happened to the wreckage"? And what happened to the field reports that were written concerning the incident at the time. Who wrote them? Where are they? The Government claims they have nothing on file. No record, I'm not convinced that all the people who made those claims are lying. I think they are telling the absolute truth.

If these files exist, they are not in an archive, library, or historical collection, they are in a file cabinet, and they are still classified as active files, and they are NOT accessible through the Freedom Of Information or any other method, until the agency responsible for them makes a statement that they have custody of those files and of the wreckage, and are prepared to make some public statement with regard to they don't exist. Now on the same side of that question, there's the very interesting observation that if this was in fact a weather device, as the Government claim in their cover story, then why not dig up the field reports and release them? What would they have to lose, it would back up their claim that there was nothing to it. The very fact that nothing comes out, not even field reports of a weather device, suggests that it was more than that.

The National Archives system is a zoo, unless a person has had a physical experience with that system and the functioning of it, you cannot imagine the complexity and the confusion of getting anything out of it. They are massively understaffed, they are inundated with paper. The National Archive staff don't even know what they have! The Cutler Twinning memo was found quite by accident while we were searching through 150 boxes of material that had been cleared for release to the public. We didn't know what we would find, as it turned out, there was some UFO related stuff in there! Some was of consequence, and some of less consequence. The Cutler Twinning memo was found, and it didn't appear to belong there.

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■ FLYING SAUCER IS SPY PLANE.

This was the heading from the Sun Newspaper of January 7th 1993. It related to people from south west Scotland who phoned the police after seeing a white light flashing across the sky. It later turned out that Bill Sweetman, a U.S. defence expert, claimed that it was not a UFO, but the Yanks testing out their top secret spy jet the "Aurora" which has been flying out of an air base at Machrihanish in Argyll. It has a speed in excess of 5,300 MPH, and was used, according to experts, in the Gulf War. Police chief Farquar MacGregor was quoted as seeing the object himself. I quickly got onto the Sun and spoke with Niall Fraser who wrote the story. I asked him for further details including the phone number of the U.S. expert Bill Sweetman and police Inspector Farquar MacGregor. This was promised. As yet, and true to form I've heard "nothing" I'll keep you informed should I hear something. ■ YOUR A MEMBER ! I still get enquiries from people wanting to know how much it is to become a member of SPI. Again for the record, one becomes a member of SPI solely by subscribing to our Journal ENIGMAS. So if your a subscriber, you can happily say "I'm a member of SPI". Whether this utterance will enable you to get a discount on a hoover, is I'm afraid, open to question. Still, stranger things have happened ! ■ STILL 40 PAGES ! As the SPI bank account is still quite healthy, owing to the fact that from time to time I feed it with my own pocket money, I've decided to keep the page run at 40 pages

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